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SUBJ: SECOND MEETING UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL, MAR 11-22, 1974

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- 1. SUMMARY: ARGENTINE DELEGATION TO UNEP-GC MEETING NOT YET NAMED, BUT PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS HELD WITH RESPONSIBLE FONOFF OFFICER AND HIS PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS AGENDA REPORTED HEREIN. FURTHER ADVANCE CONSULTATION PLANNED WEEK OF MAR 4. END SUMMARY.
- 2. ARGENTINE DELEGATION NOT RPT NOT YET NAMED, BUT LIKELY IT WILL BE HEADED BY SOMEONE FROM SECRETARIAT FOR NATURAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES, MIN OF ECON, PERHAPS THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SECRETARY, LICENCIADO YOLANDA ORTIZ.

- 3. PREPARATIONS FOR MEETING UNDERWAY IN THIS SECRETARIAT AND IN FONOFF INTDRNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS DEPT. TWO EXPECT TO MEET WEEK OF FEB 18 TO DEVELOP INITAIL GOA POSITON.
- 4. SCIATT PROVIDED US PRELIMINARY VIEWS PER REFTEL TO MARTINEZ, RESPONSIBLE OFFICER IN FONOFF. MARTINEZ WELCOMED IDEA OF PRIOR CONSULTATION, BOTH HERE AND WITH US DEL IN NAIROBI.
- 5. MARTINEZ IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT US POSITION RE ORGANIZATION OF SESSION (PARA 4 REFTEL).
- 6. RE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN SPECIAL PRIORITY (PARA 5 REFTEL), MARTINEZ THOUGH ARGENTINA COULD SUPPORT "INCLUSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS," "TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE," AND "ANALYSES OF THE COSTS OF INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS." HE THOUGHT IT INEVITABLE THAT TOP PRIORITY WOULD HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO "RESEARCH ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS," ALTHOUGH ARGENTINA DID NOT NECESSARILY THINK THIS WAS APPROPRIATE. ABOVE COMMENTS VERY PRELIMINARY, HOWEVER, AND FINAL ARGENTINE VIEWS RE ITEM PRIORITIES STILL TO BE DECIDED.
- 7. MARTINEZ AGREED WITH GOAL OF SEPARATING TO EXTENT POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL FROM DEVELOPMENT CONCERNS (PARA 6 REFTEL), ALTHOUGH LATER NOTED THRE INEVITABLY WOULD BE CLOUDY AREAS AS "ENVIRONMENT" SUCH AN ALL-EMBARACING SUBJECT.
- 8. MARTINEZ GENERALLY AGREED WITH GRANTING MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY TO ED (PARA 7 REFTEL) BUT NOTED THAT ARGENTINA HAD MADE COMMENTS ON PERTINENT PROGRAM DOCUMENT WHICH WERE MATTER OF RECORD.
- 9. MARTINEZ LEFT NO DOUBT THAT ARGENTINA "KEENLY INTERESTED" IN UNEP AND IN PRIORITY ITEMS IDENTIFIED CONFIDENTIAL

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BY ED. HE CONCERNED THAT SPECIAL UN ASSEMBLY MAY COINCIDE WITH UNEP-GC MEETING, IN WHICH CASE MMEMBERS OF ARG. DEL TO UN, WHO HANDLED UNEP-GC 1ST SESSION, MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND 2ND.

10. AS WEEK OF FE B25 A HOLIDAY PERIOD, MARTINEZ SUGGESTED AND SCIATT AGREED TO FURTHER CONSULTATIONS HERE WEEK OF MAR 4, AT WHICH TIME ARG. DEL WOULD BE

KNOWN AND ARG. POSITION BETTER DEVELOPED. IF FURTHER
US THOUGHTS AVAILABLE BY THEN (PARA 9 REFTEL), WE
WILL ALSO PROVIDE THME TO ARG. DEL AT THAT TIME.
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